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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
CREATING A REFRACTIVE)
GRADIENT IN GLASS USING)
LASER ENERGY)

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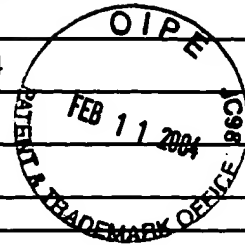
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